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Mayor Healy to Kick-Off ‘Tapestry of Nations’ Festival Series with Annual Egyptian Celebration Festival Showcases the Rich History and Traditions of Egypt

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Division of Cultural Affairs will kick-off the city’s ‘Tapestry of Nations’ Ethnic Festival series this weekend with the **Annual Egyptian Festival**, which will be held from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 28th, 2008** at the **PATH Plaza Concourse at Journal Square**.

“The Egyptian community in Jersey City is comprised of hard-working citizens that contribute to our city that continues to grow and flourish,” said **Mayor Healy**. “I encourage everyone to join this day-long festival that will feature traditional Egyptian music, entertainment, and food and learn about one of the world’s greatest cultures.”

Enjoy the culinary delights of the age old Egyptian culture with dishes such as shish kebabs, gyro, kofta, and other traditional ethnic fare offered by El Basha Restaurant and Eyes Café. Customary American treats such as ice cream will also be available. With such a delicious array of summer foods, this festival is sure to excite the taste buds of anyone.

Not only will there be delicious goodies to sample, but there will be entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. Traditional Arabic dancing coupled with patriotic Egyptian music will give guests the authentic experience of the enticing Egyptian culture. Participants will be able to watch and learn the Twirling Dervish and belly dance.

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Sponsored by the City of Jersey City in conjunction with the Egyptian Committee, the whole family can participate in an unforgettable celebration of one of the oldest and richest cultures in the world. At this patriotic time of year, what better way to celebrate America than to immerse one's self in the rich diversity of Jersey City.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information on the Egyptian Festival, contact the division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-6921.

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